GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEART DISEASES AMONG CHILDREN
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the heart diseases among children increasing constantly in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. According to AIIMS instance of babies born with heart diseases are estimated at 0.5-0.8/100 live births.The frequency is higher in Pre-term infants. Better survival of terms infants may result in more congenital heart diseases in the Pediatric age group. Life style diseases like hypertension among children in the community have been detected during school surveys. Greater awareness and good diagnostic and treatment facilities are ways to combat it.